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E.M.A.S. FOR EXPORT OF JUTE PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it was decided to restructure the External Market Assistance Scheme (EMAS) for export of diversified jute products;

(b) whether a study on the operation of the EMAS was undertaken;

(c) if so, the outcome of the study and the date from which the new policy came in into force; and

(d) the measures taken to assist jute growers ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. It was decided by the Jute Manufactures Development Council (JMDC) to restructure the External Market Assistance (EMA) scheme for export of diversified jute products. For this purpose, a study was undertaken to evaluate the contribution of EMA scheme in export of jute goods.

(c) The study recommended the continuation of the EMA scheme with thrust on enhanced exports.The scheme was modified with effect from 1st April 2000. The scheme is reviewed every year by JMDC and necessary modifications done.

(d) In order to assist jute growers, Government declares Minimum Support Price of raw jute/mesta every year. In addition, Jute Packaging Materials (Compulsory use in packing commodities) Act, 1987, provides for compulsory packaging of certain commodities in jute packaging material, which helps jute growers in marketing their produce. A centrally sponsored Special Jute Development Programme was in operation from 1992-93. This scheme has been subsumed under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture since October 2000 providing flexibility to State Governments to take up need-based programmes.